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## STUDENT SENATE

S14RS

SGR No. 25

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## A RESOLUTION

TO URGE AND REQUEST LSU MIDDLETON LIBRARY TO COMMIT THE SPACE  
CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER LAB IN MIDDLETON 241 TO  
STUDY AREAS

**PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, ON FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 THE STUDENT  
TECHNOLOGY FEE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPROVED THE LSU  
ITS ANNUAL PROPOSAL FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR, AND;

**PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, IN THIS PROPOSAL, THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE  
CLOSURE OF THE MIDDLETON 241 PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER LAB  
EFFECTIVE JULY 2014. THIS DECISION WAS SUPPORTED BY DATA  
THAT EVIDENCED LOW STUDENT USAGE OF PUBLIC ACCESS LABS  
ON CAMPUS. THE COMMITTEE CHOSE TO DIVERT RESOURCES  
SAVED FROM THIS CLOSURE TO OTHER AREAS OF THE BUDGET  
THAT HAVE A GREATER IMPACT ON STUDENTS SUCH AS STUDY  
AREAS THAT INCLUDE OPEN TABLES AND POWER OUTLETS, AND;

**PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THERE IS CURRENTLY A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL  
SEATING AND STUDY AREAS IN MIDDLETON LIBRARY, AND;

**PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE LARGE SPACE CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE  
PUBLIC ACCESS LAB IN MIDDLETON 241 IS A PRIME LOCATION FOR  
THESE MUCH NEEDED ADDITIONAL STUDY AREAS, AND;

**PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THIS SPACE COULD BE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED FOR  
PRIVATE AND/OR GROUP STUDY AREAS, AND;

**PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL STUDY AREAS IN THE  
LIBRARY TO BE ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED WITH POWER OUTLETS  
FOR STUDENTS TO CHARGE LAPTOPS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC  
STUDY DEVICES, AND;

**PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, THE SHORT-TERM LOGISTICS FOR TRANSFORMING  
THIS AREA INTO STUDY SPACE WOULD BE SIMPLE. ONCE THE  
COMPUTERS ARE REMOVED FROM THE LAB, THE OPEN TABLES  
AND CHAIRS SHOULD REMAIN IN 241 AND COULD IMMEDIATELY  
BE UTILIZED BY STUDENTS. THERE IS ALSO ADEQUATE  
ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING POWER OUTLETS  
LEFTOVER FROM THE LAB THAT SHOULD REMAIN IN THE AREA,  
AND;

**PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL POTENTIAL LONG-TERM  
OPTIONS FOR THIS SPACE. ONE OF THESE OPTIONS COULD  
INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF MORE APPROPRIATE FURNITURE FOR  
A STUDY AREA, SUCH AS PERSONAL DESK SPACE AND GROUP

TABLES. ANOTHER OPTION COULD INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF  
ENCLOSED GROUP STUDY ROOMS SIMILAR TO 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
COLLABORATION ROOMS.

**PARAGRAPH 9:** WHEREAS, STUDENT GOVERNMENT COULD SUPPORT FUNDING  
REQUESTS FOR THESE PROJECTS THROUGH THE STUDENT  
TECHNOLOGY FEE AND/OR DIRECT STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ACCOUNTS\*.

\*THIS IS A GENERAL STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND DOES NOT  
COMMIT ANY FUNDING AT THIS TIME. APPROPRIATE APPROVAL IS  
REQUIRED TO ACCESS FUNDS FROM THE STUDENT TECHNOLOGY  
FEE AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS.

**PARAGRAPH 10:** WHEREAS, A PUBLIC PRINTING STATION SHOULD REMAIN IN  
MIDDLETON 241 AS THERE IS A LARGE NEED FOR STUDENT  
PRINTING ACCESS.

**PARAGRAPH 11:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA  
STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND  
MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT LSU  
MIDDLETON LIBRARY COMMIT THE SPACE CURRENTLY OCCUPIED  
BY THE PUBLIC ACCESS LAB IN MIDDLETON 241 TO STUDY AREAS,  
AND

**PARAGRAPH 12:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS  
RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO ELAINE SMYTH,  
INTERIM DEAN OF LSU LIBRARIES; MICHAEL SMITH, DIRECTOR  
OF USS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES IN LSU ITS; JANE CASSIDY,  
CHAIR OF THE STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE; AND ALL CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT  
TECHNOLOGY FEE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

**PARAGRAPH 13:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A  
SIMPLE MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE  
AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR  
PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND  
SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF  
SUCH APPROVAL.

**APPROVED:**



ALEX W. GRASHOFF  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE: 3/13/14



JOHN S. WOODARD  
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014